Fire Service Act 1975—Contributions by Insurance Companies and Returns of Premium Income

1. In terms of section 51 of the above Act, it is hereby notified that the returns required by that section, showing the total gross amount of premiums received by or due to insurance companies or reinsurance companies during the year ended 31 December 1979 shall be sent to the New Zealand Fire Service Commission on or before 29 February 1980.

2. The attention of all persons, companies, and associations, being owners of property in respect of which premiums are paid to a fund or to an insurance company not carrying on business in New Zealand, is drawn to subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 51 of the Act. The effect of these provisions is as follows:

(a) Every broker, agent, or person who arranges a contract of fire or motor comprehensive insurance (or reinsurance) over property in New Zealand with or on behalf of a company not operating in New Zealand is required to send in a return of premium income.

(b) Where an owner of property within any Fire District makes a payment in respect of that property to a fund for insurance purposes, the person in possession of the fund is deemed to be an insurance company and is required to send in a return of amounts paid into the fund.

(c) Where the owner of property within any Fire District in New Zealand insures that property against fire with a company not operating in New Zealand, that owner shall be liable for payment of the contribution in respect of the premiums paid, whether paid within or beyond New Zealand, and is required to send in a return giving details of premiums paid.

All returns, which are to be certified by the auditor of the company concerned, are to be sent to the Secretary, New Zealand Fire Service Commission, P.O. Box 2133, Wellington, from whom copies of the appropriate return form may be obtained.

Dated at Wellington this 10th day of January 1980.

E. C. THORNE, Chairman.

W. J. HENDERSON, Fire Commissioner.

F. A. HARDY, Fire Commissioner.

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